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REMARKS

Applicant has reviewed the detailed Office Action mailed May 31, 2006 and thanks Examiner Phillips for the indication of allowed subject matter. In the outstanding office action, claims 9-12 and 21-30 were allowed while claims 1-3 and 13-15 were rejected. In this paper, claims 1-3 and 13-15 have been cancelled. Thus, only allowed claims 9-12 and 21-30 will be pending upon entry of this amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, claims 1-3 and 13-15 were rejected as unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103(b) over U.S. Patent No. 6,513,175 to Bertoni. ("Bertoni"). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. However, in order to expedite the issuance of the allowed claims, Applicant has herein cancelled claims 1-3 and 13-15, thus rendering the rejection moot. The cancellation of these claims is without prejudice or disclaimer and Applicant expressly reserves the right to file continuation or divisional applications to the cancelled claims or to any other subject matter disclosed in the present application.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims has been indicated as being allowed. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

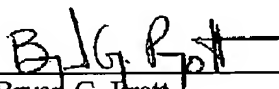
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Respectfully submitted,

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